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LOK SABHA

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PROPER UTILISATION OF WATER FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether proper arrangement has not been made to utilise the water in Andaman an Nicobar Islands as there is no concrete arrangement to utilize this water for agricultural purpose;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to construct a check dam in Andaman & Nicobar Islands as constructed in Radha Nagar of Havlock Islands to tap water;

(c) whether the Government have conducted any survey to identify these sources of water;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which these check dams are likely to be constructed on Nullahs which were included in Annual Plan of 2000-2001?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (d): According to an estimate utilizable surface water potential is 15000 hectare in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Out of the above 1100 hectare has been utilised through Minor Irrigation Projects.

(e): Ministry of Agriculture is implementing National Watershed Development Projectfor Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA) in all States and Union Territories including Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Under this scheme various Watershed Development Programmes are being implemented including construction of small check dams across the Nullahs for rain water harvesting.